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Lieutenant Sullivan is a graduate of my alma mater, the United States Naval Academy. I had the great honor of addressing his class at his graduation in May 1993. Similar to myself, academic honors had eluded him but the standards at the Naval Academy are such that simply surviving the four years reflects great credit upon his ability and dedication. When it was his turn to walk across the stage, he shook my hand and exclaimed, "Go Navy and Go Arizona!" I shared in his enthusiasm and we embraced in a bear hug as I handed him his diploma.

Lieutenant Sullivan proceeded to Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, Rhode Island, before reporting to the U.S.S. *Fife* (DD-991) which was forward deployed to the U.S. Seventh Fleet in Yokosuka, Japan. On *Fife* he served as the Auxiliaries Officer and Fire Control/Strike Missile Systems Officer. Following that arduous tour, he reported to the U.S.S. *Antietam* (CG-54) as the Combat Information Systems Officer. Among his notable accomplishments, he distinguished himself in 1997 by being named a Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet Junior Officer Shiphandler of the Year. In July 1998, Lieutenant Sullivan joined the Navy's Senate Liaison team and helped the Senate ensure that our Navy remained the best trained, best equipped, and best prepared Naval force in the world.

Mr. President, Lieutenant Sullivan represents the very best of America's most precious resource—her youth. With being a commissioned officer come responsibilities so immense and so important that the lives of all Americans and the welfare of much of the world will be directly affected by how well they discharge them. I have every confidence that Lieutenant Sullivan will continue to acquit himself with distinction. As he now departs for the next of many more tours at sea, I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to wish him fair winds and following seas.●

● Mr. KYL. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize and say farewell to an outstanding Naval Officer and fellow Arizonian, Lieutenant Michael Sullivan, who has served with distinction for the past year and a half years in the Navy's Senate Liaison Office on Capitol Hill. It is a privilege for me to recognize his many outstanding achievements and to commend him for the superb service he has provided this legislative body, the Navy, and our great Nation.

Lieutenant Sullivan comes from a patriotic family. His grandfather was a submariner during World War II and his father is a Navy veteran of the Riverine Force in Vietnam. The Sullivan Family lived in the Bronx, New York before moving to the great state of Arizona. Lieutenant Sullivan at-

tended elementary and middle public schools in Scottsdale and ultimately graduated from Saguaro High School. He was attending the University of Arizona, and I was still a Member of the House of Representatives, when he applied for the most privileged of responsibilities I have as a Member of Congress—making a nomination for appointments to the U.S. Service Academies. It was with great pride that I had submitted his name to attend the United States Naval Academy where he graduated and earned his commission in 1993.

Lieutenant Sullivan joined the Navy's Senate Liaison team in July 1998, following successful sea tours on board the U.S.S. *Fife* (DD-991) and the U.S.S. *Antietam* (CG-54). During his service as a Navy Liaison Officer he provided members of the Senate and our personal staffs with timely support and accurate information on Navy plans, programs, and constituent casework. He has helped us maintain the best trained, best equipped, and best prepared Navy in the world.

Mr. President, Lieutenant Sullivan has served proudly with a dedication and enthusiasm that only comes from our Nation's best and brightest. Lieutenant Sullivan is a great credit to both our Navy and our country. As he now departs for Department Head School and his next sea tour, I call upon my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to wish him the best for a continued brilliant Navy career.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:44 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1749. An act to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

H.R. 2484. An act to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 613. An act to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1749. An act to designate Wilson Creek in Avery and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2484. An act to provide that land which is owned by the Lower Sioux Indian

Community in the State of Minnesota but which is not held in trust by the United States for the Community may be leased or transferred by the Community without further approval by the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-7818. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7819. A communication from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for fiscal year 1999 of the test and evaluation activities of the Foreign Comparative Testing Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7820. A communication from the Managing Director, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of 2000 base salary structures for Executive and graded employees; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7821. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility; 65 FR 8664; 02/22/2000", received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7822. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Communities Eligible; 65 FR 8662; 02/22/2000", received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7823. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulation of Short-Term Natural Gas Transportation Services; Regulation of Interstate Natural Gas Transportation Services" (Order No. 637, Docket Nos. RM98-10-000 and RM98-12-000, 90 FERC Paragraph 61,109 (Issued 2/9/00)), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7824. A communication from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Termination of Designation of the State of Minnesota with Respect to the Inspection of Poultry and Poultry Products", received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7825. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpropathrin, Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL # 6492-6), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7826. A communication from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imidacloprid; Time-Limited Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL # 6493-2), received February 28, 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.